

Climate Impact Assessment



Name of project, policy, function, service or proposal being assessed:	Gedling Design Codes: Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)			
The main objective of the Consultation Draft Gedling Design Codes: Supplementary Planning Document (SPD):	This publication draft provides the Design Code for Gedling, as required of local authorities by the National Planning Policy Framework following the Levelling-up and Regeneration Act (2023).			
What impact will this Consultation Draft Gedling Design Codes: Supplementary Planning Document (SPD): have on the following:				
Category	Negative	Positive	No impact / Negligible change	Mitigation/ Comments
Behaviour & Culture Change		Positive impact		Once adopted, the Gedling Design Code Framework must be used by stakeholders, as well as applicants preparing development proposals. It will provide clarity on principles of good design and what is acceptable design before applications are submitted, so that they are more likely to be considered prior to planning applications being submitted. It will be a useful tool for officers in discussions around design, thereby assisting in negotiations. To demonstrate compliance with

				the Design Code applicants will be expected to observe the application site and surrounding area to identify features and evaluate how they will influence the design.
Built Environment		Positive impact		By using the Design Code Framework, development proposals should be well designed, reflecting the character of the site and its context and contribute to the overall Vision of the Design Code, its supporting themes and more detailed Visions and Placemaking Strategies for character-based Settlement and Area Types. The Design Code Framework will raise the profile of the principles of good design. The Design Code is expected to result in a reduction in refusals on design grounds following adoption of the Design Code.
Transport		Positive impact		The design code will encourage active travel and contribute to the Borough's aspiration of creating 20-minute neighbourhoods. The code principles help minimise cul-de-sacs which pose accessibility and permeability concerns, and encourage cycling and walking by encouraging well-lit and overlooked corridors and maximising natural surveillance through the siting and orientation of buildings.

Energy, Natural Resources & Climate Change		Positive impact		The Design Code sets out standards in relation to low carbon homes, climate resilience, passive energy gains and energy efficiency, Blue and Green Infrastructure and 20-minute neighbourhoods. The Design Code will help to protect the environment by encouraging the use of locally sourced materials, rainwater harvesting, permeable surfaces and integrating renewable or lower carbon technologies and electric vehicle charging.
Waste Reduction & Recycling		Positive impact		The Design Code encourages development proposals to minimise the use of primary materials by recycling and re-using demolition and excavation materials to minimise material leaving the site. The code also sets out design proposals should minimise non-material construction waste (e.g. packaging, timber, plastics) on site.
Blue-Green Infrastructure/Biodiversity		Positive impact		<p>The Design Code aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • strengthen local landscape assets, character areas and networks of Blue and Green Infrastructure both in rural and suburban areas • integrate sustainable drainage measures into streets and green spaces. • be resilient to climate change, increase biodiversity and deliver lower carbon objectives. • avoid the use of artificial grass.

Procurement & Purchasing			No impact	No impact unless significant action is required as an outcome of consultation
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In response to the information provided above please provide if there is any proposed action including any consultation that is going to be carried out

Planned Actions	Timeframe	Potential Outcome	Responsible Officer
Informal consultation on the design of Gedling's streets, buildings and public spaces.	11 th July – 19 th August 2022	Information to feed into the preparation of Gedling Design Code Framework consultation draft.	Planning Policy Manager
Developers' Forum	Various meetings 2022 – 2024	Engagement with stakeholders to feed into code preparation and piloting of the emerging principles.	Planning Policy Manager
Workshop with developers and agents	25 th July 2024	Engagement with developers and agents to invite and encourage them to consult on the Consultation Draft of the design codes.	Planning Policy Manager
6-week consultation on draft Gedling Design Code Framework	12th July – 23rd August 2024	Adopt as Supplementary Planning Document by end of 2024	Planning Policy Manager

Authorisation and Review

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